

98. (Amended) The method of claim 97, comprising contacting stem cells with a stem cell proliferation stimulating amount of Phe-Pro-His-Phe-Asp-Leu-Ser-His-Gly-Ser-Ala-Gln-Val-Cys (SEQ ID NO: 1).

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

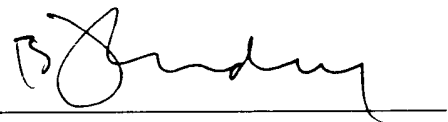
Claims 47-52 and 91-99 are pending. Claims 94 and 98 have been amended above to correct inadvertent typographical errors in the Amendment filed November 7, 2000. No new matter has been added.

An early and favorable Action in response to the Amendment of November 7, 2000, as well as the above is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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